



# CLOVER CHATTER

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## EXTENSION TO YOUTH AND 4-H



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## FALL IS HERE ...

The fairs are over, school has been in session for a few weeks and it is time to start a new 4-H year. As always the start of a new 4-H year is an opportunity to invite youth to join your 4-H club and to share in the experiences available through the 4-H program. During National 4-H Week all youth in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade in the county will receive a 4-H “goodie bag” to take home. We have included 4-H club information as well as a contact leader for each club. We have also included everything that is required to enroll and become a 4-H member. If you get calls from youth interested in joining your club, the contact information may have come from this. Please provide help to youth interested in joining or have them contact the Extension Office for more information.

*Joyce Coppess, Cedar County Youth Coordinator*

### Youth Development Committee Members 2010 - 2011

Loren Mohr—Chairperson  
Michele Proesch—V Chair  
Ann Mente—Secretary  
Teri Baird  
Tom Driscoll  
Christa Eads  
Rich Fitzgerald  
Dave Frederick  
Ed Wehde  
Deb Wenndt

### Extension Office Hours

**Monday—Friday**  
**8:00 AM—Noon**  
**and**  
**12:30 PM—4:00 PM**  
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### Office Staff

**Joyce Coppess**  
**Office Manager**  
**County Youth Coordinator**  
**Betty Ellerhoff**  
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**Daleta Christensen**  
**Youth Program Director**  
**Bob Owen**  
**Region 16 Director**



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## State 4-H Hall of Fame.....



The Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame welcomed 131 Iowans from 89 counties as new inductees during an Aug. 22 ceremony at the 4-H Exhibits Building during the Iowa State Fair.

Among those inducted was Cedar County representative, Dr. Alan Beyer of West Branch. Dr. Beyer is a supporter of the 4-H program in numerous ways - he has served on the youth committee for six years, serving as chairperson during that time. You will find him helping at the market beef weigh-in during December, checking swine ear notches at weigh-in and

during the fair, and helping to check heifer tattoos at fair. He also helped youth through the bucket bottle interview process and led workshops on “Food Safety Quality Assurance”. Dr. Beyer is one of those who believe in the total youth program and is always available to help youth or adults when needed. He is a great listener to the youth and encourages them to try new experiences through their 4-H involvement. Dr. Beyer is also a member of the Cedar County Extension Council and is serving as chairperson. Through all of this support of the 4-H program Dr. Beyer is always there to help “Make the Best Better” – through encouraging words or a helping hand.

The Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame was initiated in 2002 to help commemorate the 100th anniversary of 4-H. The 4-H Hall of Fame display, featuring photos and biographical information about the 2010 and earlier inductees, is available for viewing throughout the year at the Extension 4-H Youth Building on the Iowa State University campus.

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## Thank You Notes ....

If you received a plaque or trophy from your fair experience, please remember to take the time to send the sponsor a Thank You note. If you still need an address for your sponsor, it can be found on the bottom of the award or you can contact the Extension Office. Thank you notes to donors and sponsors are important as they may determine if these people will participate in the awards program again.

While you were in the process of writing notes, please do not forget to thank River Valley Cooperative for donating towards

your season passes and Farm Credit for the coupons for the 4-H food stand.

River Valley Cooperative  
Dale Ford  
P O Box 340  
Clarence IA 52216

Farm Credit  
162 111<sup>th</sup> Street  
Dewitt IA 52742

## MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING  
AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS



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## County Awards and Record Keeping

A special “Thank You” to all of the 4-H members who had their record keeping to the Extension Office by September 3<sup>rd</sup> to be considered for county awards. It is always amazing how many books we receive by the early date. I also want to thank the rest of the members who were able to complete their record keeping and had it into the office by September 30.

Record keeping is being looked over and written comments will come back to the youth when this process is completed.

The county awards will be handed out at 4-H club family events. Members of the Cedar County Youth Council will again be attending these events and helping with the presentation of awards.

It will be important to let the office know when the family event is scheduled for your club.

Don't forget that your club books for the secretary, treasurer and historian are required to come into the office for review.

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## Pioneer Improvement Grants



Each year Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. offers grants to 4-H clubs for local community improvement projects. The purpose is to provide “seed money” that clubs can use as a starting point on their project. Clubs need to find additional resources in their communities to help with the project. Application forms are due to the Extension Office by December 1 and are available on line at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/pioneergrants.html>

Once the project is done there will be a final report which needs to be written and sent to the Extension Office to finalize the grant process. Consider applying for this grant if you have a community service project in mind.

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## New Members Join 4-H

As enrollment forms begin arriving in the office, we will try and update 4-H families of new members who have joined 4-H.

Several of these families are new to the 4-H program and could feel lost at first. Please make the new members and their families feel welcome in your club and ask if there is anything you could do to help them. One thing would be to help new members learn the 4-H pledge.

### CENTER RING LEADERS

Steven Wethington  
Clayton Eads

### LOWDEN LASERS

Karlie Proesch

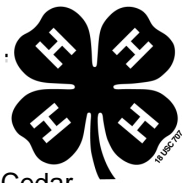
### INLAND 4-H

Erica Lucas

Let's see this list grow with each newsletter.

## 4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.



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## 4-H STATE MEMBER FEE

The Iowa 4-H program will continue with a membership fee of \$30 for the 2010 – 2011 4-H year. The Cedar County Extension Council has made the decision to pay half of the state fee (\$15 per member) with the remainder coming from the club.

Clubs will need to make the decision as to how they will handle the remaining \$15 per member – either through the club paying the \$15, the club paying a portion of the fee, or asking members for the entire \$15 fee.

If there are questions about the state membership fee, please talk with Joyce.

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## 4-H ENROLLMENT FORMS

September 1, marked the start of a new 4-H year. Enrollment forms are being sent out to returning 4-H members. You will also receive a health form and the code of ethics which are all attached to the enrollment form.

The enrollment forms will look different this year, because of the new software program which we started using last year. Be sure that you complete all of the forms and look over all of the information to be sure it is current and correct. If your mailing address is to a PO Box, please be sure that this is listed with your address.

Don't hesitate to complete your forms and return them to the office. All returning 4-H members must have their forms completed and returned to the office by 4:00 pm on December 1<sup>st</sup>, so they can be considered active members and be eligible to exhibit at the county fair.

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## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The office will soon be receiving scholarship information for youth who will be graduating in the spring of 2011. We will continue to post the information on the Cedar County web page and will update the information as it becomes available. If you have questions in regard to the scholarships or are in need of references, please contact the office. Please allow ample time for the office to complete your reference. Don't wait until the last minute.

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### 4-H Calendar

#### October

3 – 9 National 4-H Week

#### November

2 Club programs due to office  
25 Holiday – Office Closed  
26 Holiday – Office Closed

### Rabbit Project



New 4-H members who are enrolling in a rabbit project and are in need of a rabbit should contact McKenna O'Leary of the Center Ring Leaders.

McKenna is willing to help beginning 4-H members out by providing them with a rabbit.

You can reach McKenna at 563-212-3841.

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# WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/info/4h/county+4-h+info.htm>